

Public Presentation Day 2009 - April 7th & April 9th

Encourage Your Club Members to Participate

Public Presentation Day (Demo Day) is an opportunity for 4-H members to present to an audience an aspect of what they have learned in 4-H. Speeches or demonstrations can be as short as 5 minutes plus questions. 4-Hers may present any area of their 4-H experience and will have a small audience including one or two judges.

This year's date is set for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 for Cloverbuds and Thursday, April 9, 2009 for 14 year olds & up (if you were 14 as of October 1, 2008). 4-H members 9-13 years old can choose either Tuesday or Thursday for their presentations. Presentation Day will be held at the Belgrade Middle School from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM. Presentations spots are available every 15 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. The club with the greatest percentage of members competing will win a \$25.00 prize. Certificates will be awarded. Grand and Reserve ribbons will be presented at the conclusion of presentation day. If you are not present for this, your award will be available at the Extension Office for you to pick up or your club leader to pick up from their mailbox.

There are several divisions for presenters. Cloverbuds may participate in the 6-8 year old group, but are not judged or placed. Members who are 9-10 years old have two brackets in which to enter. Those giving their first ever demonstration at the county level will be judged separately than those giving their second demonstration.

The next age division is for 11-13 year olds. At this level, presenters have their choice of doing a speech or giving a demonstration. Experienced presenters are again separated from those with no experience.

Older teens, 14-19 years old (you must be 14 as of October 1, 2008), may also choose to deliver either a speech or demonstration which should be anywhere between 7 to 20 minutes long. The first place winner receives an all expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress where they may compete at the state level.

The experience young people receive from this event is tremendous. They become more confident, learn communication skills, and discover where they can improve. The entry form for this event is inserted in this newsletter. More are available in the Extension Office by calling 388-3213. You may reserve your time slot over the phone.

MSU Offers New Scholarship for Montana Freshmen

Montana State University is offering a new scholarship for incoming freshmen from Montana. MSU will be awarding Distinction Scholarships for new freshmen from Montana. The amount of the one-time awards will range \$500 to \$1,000, according to Ronda Russell, director of the MSU Office of Admissions. The scholarships will be applied toward tuition. Russell said all Montana students who have not already received MSU University Scholarships may apply for the new award. Interested students must apply for admission to MSU for fall 2009 and submit an MSU Distinction Scholarship application as soon as possible. Both applications may be found online at the MSU Office of Admissions Website at: <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsres.shtml>

Thinking About College at MSU?

Juniors, seniors and their families are invited to take part in a free campus visit day at Montana State University on April 3. **MSU Friday** is an event that caters to students curious about life on the MSU campus. Students and parents who attend receive campus tours, meet with academic departments, go on facility tours, sit in on student and parent panels and hear presentations from the Honors program, Financial Aid, Career Services and more! Every participant is provided with a parking permit so they can park for free on campus. A registration form is required; visit the MSU Friday website for more information:

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwnss/msufriiday.shtml>

Scholarships

Attention All Seniors - Our office has forms for many different scholarships. Please contact us for more information. Most deadlines are May 1st. Don't wait until the last minute.